



# Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

## Garlinge Primary School and Nursery Receives Learning Outside the Classroom Award

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) Award Mark (Bronze) from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, a leading organisation working for promoting a range of learning experiences for all children across all subject areas.

The LOtC Award Mark is a national accreditation which is granted to schools who recognise and support the development of learning outside the classroom across all subject areas and have a growing awareness of the benefits of providing frequent, continuous and progressive learning outside of the classroom for all pupils. We promote frequent educational visits to further impact on pupils' current learning in school and this may include opportunities for pupils to attend residential learning experiences. Visits to places in the local community and beyond ensure, where possible, inclusion of all children and their needs. Learning outside the classroom also involves regular learning and activities taking place in the school grounds, in order to stimulate and extend learning experiences further. Schools up and down the country have achieved the bronze award, however we are one of the first schools in Kent to gain the accreditation.

Achieving the bronze award has been the culmination of a lot of hard work from our teachers, teaching assistants and grounds staff. It has been exciting to see our school site develop and how the children have responded to a more creative approach to their learning. The award recognises achievement in putting learning outside the classroom at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. This process has been very useful for the school and we look forward to the challenges that await when attempting to go for the silver award and the further improvements we can make to our school grounds.

Yours faithfully

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